

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC
FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 16316

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CASE NO. 16317

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FOR A STANDARD HORIZONTAL SPACING AND
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
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CASE NO. 16318

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FOR COMPULSORY POOLING, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 16319

**APPLICATION OF COG OPERATING LLC
FOR A STANDARD HORIZONTAL SPACING AND
PRORATION UNIT AND COMPULSORY POOLING,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 16320

MARATHON'S PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

Marathon Oil Permian LLC ("Marathon") submits this Pre-Hearing Statement for the

above-referenced case pursuant to the rules of the Oil Conservation Division.

APPEARANCES

APPLICANT

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STATEMENT OF CASE

OPPONENT:

Applicant in the above-styled cases seeks orders from the Division creating non-standard spacing and proration units and compulsory pooling within Section 18 and 19 of Township 24 South, Range 25 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

Marathon had previously filed applications with the Division in Case Nos. 16144, 16145, 16146, 16150 and 16151 involving this acreage. Marathon objects to the development plans proposed by COG because such plans will impair Marathon's correlative rights, cause waste, strand reserves underlying the proposed spacing and proration units. Marathon will also present

evidence showing that it can more prudently operate the property.

PROPOSED EVIDENCE

APPLICANT:

<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>EXHIBITS</u>
Ryan Gyllenband – Landman	Approx. 30	Approx. 8
Ethan Perry – Geologist	Approx. 30	Approx. 6
Jacob Rotolo/TBD – Reservoir Engineer	Approx. 30	Approx. 6
TBD – Production/Completion Engineer	Approx. 30	Approx. 6

Respectfully submitted,

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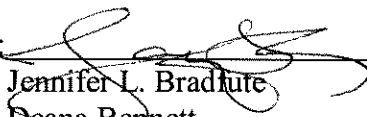
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on counsel of record by electronic mail on August 23, 2018:

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